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A NEW DEMAND FOR UNITARIANISM.

The beginning of the Twentieth Century will be long spoken of as the era of exposal. Not merely have we recently witnessed the exposal of wrong in the conduct of life insurance business, but also we have seen the inside falsity of political rings and trust combinations and other institutions which have been doing the people's business. The old adage "Give a rogue rope enough and he will hang himself," helps a great deal in explaining the startling conditions which have been revealed. Ignorant that so much rope is being used, we are consequently surprised when the hanging comes off. We recognize when too late that we have been lavish with the rope. We may have lightly supposed that there were no rogues about, but we have been sadly mistaken. Through our carelessness the two have come together, and the result has been the long foretold tragedy. It is hard to tell wherein lies the greater tragedy of our exposal programme as it has been unfolded before our eyes. Ruined lives, ruined reputations, ruined homes on the one side and shaken confidence, pessimism, hopelessness on the other. Even many of the victims did not themselves know that they were to be branded rogues until they felt the rope tightening relentlessly about them. Human nature has been before a terrible tribunal in these latter days, and it has looked upon its naked self with a clearer vision, perhaps, than it has ever before been privileged to look. We have asked wither? We have asked why? Indeed there are few only of the interrogations which have not been asked. Some have found answers and some have not. We will emerge from the experience of this era of exposal a humanity which has been tried as if by fire. The gains must be very great to make up for the great losses.

It is probably too soon to sum up the experience. The exposals have not yet been all made. The programme has not reached the *finale*. We know not what new and startling item the morrow's paper will contain. We fear the announcement and yet we hope that the divulgement will be thorough and complete, and are willing to pay the cost, however great, if only no lurking fraud and wrong be left undiscovered. If we are going through a complete revolution by exposal it is interesting to speculate upon a few possible results to be seen inaugurated in the beginning of the new era which will immediately follow. Socialism is already making claims that the result will be an adoption of more of the principles of Socialism. Undoubtedly these agitators are not doomed to complete disappointment. Other claims will be made of the same character, and Unitarianism has a good reason to make its claim. Can it be possible that humanity will not awake from this nightmare of evil and demand a more honest religion for the new era? The demand will surely be made and of all existing churches there is none so well fitted to meet the demand as the Unitarian church.

The closest analysis of existing conditions shows the need for a thorough going reform. Independent party tickets will not entirely straighten out politics; the grand jury and jail sentences will not cure entirely the graft habit. These are only spasmodic efforts at cure, effective often in mild cases of epidemic, but not thorough going and fundamental enough for the present scourge. The sick are receiving abundant care and skillful treatment, and the true reformer can dismiss them from his mind. His attention should now be directed to the environment, to the germ-breeding pest-holes, to the springs of supply, to every last possible lurking place for the source of corruption. Not until this is done will the lasting and effective reform be instituted. The disease will break out again and again until the most stringent and revolutionary measures are taken for its prevention. It will be a crime against coming generations if the present crisis does not stir the people to demand a reform which will not stop or stay at anything short of thoroughness and permanence. There is a danger that in the sense of reform as in the business and political sense there is also corruption. Reform may be blind and untrue, accepting and giving graft, outwardly seeming to aim at the remedy for unrighteousness but inwardly, timid, subservient to self-interest, sentimental and bound to tradition, it only makes a farce of its efforts and commits the heinous crime of hypocrisy.

Honest reform in the present crisis will discover one great source of present corruption in the prevail-

ing religious practices of the people. This statement will be a shock to many because it has not occurred to them that religious effort ever contributes to anything but good. Such idea is merely sentimental, and the evidence of ignorance. A people's ideals are embodied in the people's religion. Not merely the ideals of God, but quite as much the ideals of daily duty and common action. Much of the religion of today is open to the charge of being dishonest, unprogressive and blind to established truth. As long as there are churches and congregations repeating creeds which are not believed or practiced we must not be surprised if there are people who are dishonest in commercial and material affairs. It is a well known fact that the majority of churches today are in the uncomfortable dilemma of either leaving their creeds and discipline unforced or else forcing out of their membership one-half or two-thirds of their congregations. This applies alike to Catholic and to Protestant churches, and it all is discreditable to religion and accounts for very much of the laxity in public and private morals. Great as is the need of civic reformation, the need of a religious reformation is even greater, and it should precede the other. The demand for honest religion will be the most hopeful demand of the new era. If there is an honest church today it is the Unitarian church. The individual Unitarians may be as corrupt as other church adherents, but there can be no charge that the church has set the dishonest example. Without creed, with no rules of discipline, with the freest possible organization, the Unitarian church stands openly and frankly upon the platform of administering an honest religion for the betterment of mankind. We have no historic doctrine to insist upon, no traditional institution to uphold, but in the simple love of truth "we unite for the worship of God and the service of man." The Unitarian church must inevitably come into its own in the event of any thorough going reformation in the people's religion.

WILLIAM S. NICHOLS.

Pueblo, Colo.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Champaign, Ill. — The new work commenced in this university town by Mr. A. R. Vail has started with surprising strength and vigor. Not alone are the congregations good, but Mr. Vail has started a class in Comparative Religions that already numbers thirty, with much promise of growth.

Cincinnati, O. — Rev. George A. Thayer has had published a most notable utterance of his upon "What Do Unitarians Believe." Any one wishing a strong statement upon this most vital subject either for the pleasure of reading it or for post-office mission work can obtain this pamphlet from Mr. Thayer.

Fort Collins, Colo. — Dr. Duren J. H. Ward, of Iowa City, has been called to the pastorate of this church. The fine, new edifice and rapidly growing community promise great things for our church. Dr. Ward begins his pastorate Dec. 1. He will not confine his work to Fort Collins, but will preach Sunday evenings at Boulder, where the State University of Colorado is located, in the hope of establishing a society there.

Streator, Ill. — The Church of Good Will held its annual meeting Friday evening, Nov. 9. It is the custom of this church to have a banquet for its members and friends on this occasion. Nearly two hundred people sat at the board and partook of choice viands and listened to fine music. The speakers of the evening were two of its former ministers, Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick, of Geneseo, and Rev. W. M. Backus, of Chicago, and the present minister, Rev. E. A. Cantrell. Mr. George North Taylor was toastmaster. The present condition and future promise of this society were never better.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Rev. Henry Wilder Foote was installed minister of this society Wednesday, Oct. 31. Rev. S. A. Eliot, D. D., President of the A. U. A., and cousin of Mr. Foote, came from Boston to preach the sermon. The other parts of the service were taken by Rev. R. S. Barrow, of Jackson; Rev. J. T. Sunderland, of Hartford, Conn.; Rev. Lee S. McCollester, D. D., of Detoit; Rev. J. P. MacCarthy, of Kalamazoo, and Rev. Carl S. Patton, of Ann Arbor. It was a very impressive service, made so by the earnest spirit of the young man who assumes the high calling and noble duties of minister to this congregation. A pleasing feature connected with this occasion was a reception given by the ladies of the church to Dr. Eliot and visiting clergymen. The presence of Mr. Sunderland, for twenty years minister of the church, added greatly to the joy of his many Ann Arbor friends.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Rev. John W. Day. The church on the corner of Garrison avenue and Locust street, built in 1880, was sold last summer to, and is now occupied by, a congregation of colored people of the Episcopal faith. Services are now being held in the hall of the Musical Arts building on the corner of Boyle Ave. and Olive St., a favorable location, and the hall proves well adapted for such use. Various lots not further than Union avenue are under consideration, and it is expected that a new location will soon be secured and the work of building begun.

A course of lectures is being given by Mr. Day, under the auspices of the Eliot Alliance, the third Thursday of the month, on Points of General Interest in the Later Study of the New Testament. The meeting of the Alliance, as of the Ladies' Society, are held at the Mission School on Taylor avenue, and over sixty were present at the first meeting. Gentlemen also attend these lectures.

Aurora, Ill. — At a meeting of the congregation of the People's Church Friday evening, Nov. 16, it was voted to affiliate with the Unitarian denomination in its religious work. This is a decided change of front and has come about through the presentation of the need of fellowship by the new minister, Rev. J. M. A. Spence. The Aurora church has always been liberal in its theology, but independent in its attitude. It will find nothing save sympathy and help in the new relation it assumes toward its fellow-liberals.

Duluth, Minn. — Rev. Kerby S. Miller, of Polo, Ill., has been called to the pastorate of this church. Mr. Miller has been in Presbyterian fellowship, but, outgrowing his former faith, he has become a teacher of the religious life in our communion. The Duluth church feels that it has found a leader that it can follow and work with unto the realization of great good done and a large success achieved.

Kalamazoo, Mich. — This society has been celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. It began with a banquet on Thursday evening, and concluded with the installation of Dr. J. P. MacCarthy as its minister Sunday evening. All the way through the note was jubilant. The memory of the good that had been done was prophetic of more good to be done. This was especially true at the Sunday morning service, when Mrs. Allen Porter, the only surviving charter member, gave a sketch of the first twenty-five years of church work, and Rev. Caroline Bartlett-Crane, the minister under whom the new edifice was built, gave a history of the last half of its activities. Mrs. C. G. Kleinstuck gave an account of the institutional features of its work. At Dr. MacCarthy's installation Rev. W. M. Backus preached the sermon; Rev. Caroline Bartlett-Crane gave the charge to the people and Mr. G. A. Dimoe responded on behalf of the people. Friday evening Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, gave a splendid sermon full of prophetic fervor and fire. Since Dr. MacCarthy went to Kalamazoo over seventy people have united with the society. It is splendid to see this useful society enter the second half of a century with so much courage and such high ideals.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Missouri Valley Conference met here Oct. 22-24. It was opened Monday night by Rev. R. W. Boynton, of St. Paul, with a sermon entitled, "The Religion of All the People." It was a noble sermon and deserved the praise that it received. At 9:30 Tuesday morning the first business session was held. A welcome was extended to the delegates by Rev. Chas. Ferguson and greeting brought to the Conference by Mrs. E. A. Delano for the Alliance and Rev. W. M. Backus for the Western Conference. At 3:00 p. m. an Alliance meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. D. Stevens, of Kansas City. Reports of work were given by the delegates present, after which Mrs. E. A. Delano gave a paper entitled, "Alliance Togetherness." This excellent address set forth with convincing force the need for the Alliance. In the evening Mr. Ferguson's ideals of church work were set forth by four of his fellow-workers, Messrs. A. F. Von Volkenberg, Walter C. Root, Cyrus Crane, and Henry M. Beardsley. At 9:30 Wednesday the closing business session was held and the following officers elected: President, Frank H. Foster; Vice-President, P. F. Clark; Secretary, Rev. J. L. Marsh; Member Missionary Council, Rev. F. M. Bennett. At 10:00 a. m. Rev. R. W. Boynton gave an address upon the Unitarian faith. Rev. Cyrus Flint Stimson, of the Congregational Church, gave an address upon "The Neighborhood Church Idea." Mr. Stimson's talk was marked by wit, earnestness, and liberal sentiments. He was followed by Rev. F. M. Bennett, who spoke upon "The Free Church and the Municipality." This address was one of moment. The speaker set forth most strongly the need of the church being an inspiration to noble things in life. After a discussion participated in by Revs. E. S. Treworgy and J. H. Jones the Conference adjourned to the dining-room for a closing meal together. Rev. J. W. Day was toastmaster and various speakers gave added pleasure to the occasion. This Conference was marked by a spirit of confidence for the future and a sense of the need for our type of religion.

Buda, Ill. — The thirty-second annual conference of Illinois Unitarian Churches met at this place Oct. 24-25. Wednesday evening Rev. E. C. Smith, of Hinsdale, gave the Conference sermon. Those who heard it will feel for many a year to come the uplift given by its noble sentiments. At 9:30 Thursday morning a devotional meeting led by Rev. James Vila Blake preceded the business session. Mr. J. R. Pritchard, of Buda, gave an address of welcome, followed by the response of the President, Rev. F. V. Hawley. Reports from the various churches were then read. At 11:30 Rev. Fred Alban Weil spoke upon "Unitarian Co-operation," which was followed by a discussion. After the bountiful luncheon served at noon by the ladies of the Buda church, the afternoon session was begun with an address by Rev. E. A. Cantrell on "Ethics and Religion." The discussion was opened by Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. E. A. Delano gave an address upon Alliance work. Owing to the absence of Rev. C. E. St. John, Rev. W. M. Backus spoke in his place upon the relation of Unitarian organizations. The session closed with a business meeting, at which the same officers — President, Rev. F. V. Hawley; Vice-President, Rev. E. C. Smith; Secretary, Rev. J. M. Mueller; Treasurer, F. F. Temple were re-elected. Mr. Hawley was chosen for the Missionary Council. At the evening session the general subject was "Our Unitarian Pulpit." Rev. W. M. Backus spoke upon "Our

Pulpit and Public Opinion"; Rev. C. F. Elliott upon "Its Message to Youth"; and Rev. W. H. Pulsford upon "Its Attitude Towards Growth." The local attendance was large at this Conference and all the out-of-town visitors were made to feel the hospitable spirit of Buda Unitarians. It is the first general meeting held at this place since Father Covell's death, and many were the words of appreciation uttered in his memory.

Toledo, O. — Our Unitarian brethren gave warm welcome to the annual Conference of Michigan Unitarians. Our space does not permit us to even name the many who took part upon the most interesting and elaborate program presented by this Conference. Mr. C. S. Udell, its President, is so ambitious that he will yet excell the A. U. A. in length and quality of program, if he has not already done so. The Conference opened with a sermon by Rev. W. C. Gannett, entitled, "The Greater Glory of the Coming Religion." Dr. S. A. Eliot, President of the A. U. A., was a visitor and speaker at this Conference, as were Rev. G. A. Thayer, of Cincinnati; Mrs. E. A. Delano, of Chicago; Rev. Lee McCollester, D. D., Church of Our Father, Universalist, Detroit; Rev. E. A. Coil, of Marietta; Rev. E. A. Horton, D. D., President of the Unitarian S. S. Society; Rev. L. C. Manchester, Universalist, Lyons, O.; Rev. G. R. Longbreak, Byron, O.; Rabbi David Alexander, Toledo; Rev. Frank S. C. Wicks, of Indianapolis; and Rev. W. M. Backus, Chicago. At the closing business meeting Mr. C. S. Udell was re-elected president and Rev. R. Shaw Barrow secretary. Every one who had the pleasure of attending this thirty-first session of the Michigan Conference felt that it was in all respects a most delightful and profitable meeting.

Field Notes — The Secretary has had a less strenuous life in November than in the two preceding months. His last report closed with his supplying for Grand Rapids Sunday morning, Oct. 28. He found this society eagerly looking forward to the coming of its new minister, Rev. H. B. Bard, of Lansing. In the evening he took part in the service of installation at Kalamazoo. From here he went to Toledo to attend the Michigan Conference. On the way back to Chicago he visited the friends in our dormant church at La Porte, Ind. The first two Sundays in November were devoted to supplying the pulpit of the Green Bay church. The third Sunday was spent with the Third Church of Chicago and the People's Church of Aurora. At Aurora the Secretary was present at the opening "fellowship meeting." These meetings are to be held every Sunday evening. They consist of a musical program and an address upon some theme of interest by the minister or some chosen speaker. After the program tea is served and a social half-hour enjoyed by the people. Fully two hundred people were present at the opening meeting. The last Sunday in November was spent with the Hobart church.

RECEIPTS FOR THE BROOKINGS FUND.

Balance from last year	$ 4.60
Messrs. Blake & Foote, Evanston, Ill.	1.00
Evanston Church	5.00
" Sunday School	2.00
" Alliance	4.10
Kenosha Church	15.70
Madison Church	1.00
Miss Clara E. Miner, Evanston, Ill.	.25
Minnesota State Conference	125.00
Ord Church	2.00
Sioux City Alliance	5.00
Topeka Alliance	1.25
	$166.90

The Hope of Immortality, by Rev. C. F. Dole.* Any one who reads the book entitled as above will feel a thrill arising from a vision of great things. It was given in the form of a lecture by Mr. Dole this year at Harvard under the Ingersoll foundation. It is a pity that our columns do not afford space to indicate the charms of this book. We can only give a hint of them. The question of immortality is one that men will never cease thinking about. It is so interwoven with the fibres of our higher life that the effect of belief or non-belief is most momentous. Mr. Dole recognizes this, and brings his mind, noted for its clear thinking, and his pen, able to express clearly his mental processes, at their best to the high task assigned him by the lectureship.

In the preface he analyzes the personal equation and bias that he brings to the task. He confesses that the more he knows about life, the more he desires to discover rationality in it. He argues that personal immortality seems from the basis of rationality to be part of the scheme of life. But he feels that this does not disqualify him from dispassionately considering the question.

Mr. Dole begins the lecture with a discussion of the condition of the hope of immortality in the world today. He finds that there never has been a time when the hope was less confident. Then he proceeds to show that there is no reason in modern discoveries for this, — that they have neither added to nor taken away from our cause for a belief in immortality.

Then the lecturer begins to plead the cause of immortality and adds reason after reason why we should believe in it, yet he never assumes the dogmatic attitude that he is compelling assent. Nevertheless as he proceeds one sees the vision open before his eyes; he is caught by the mighty passion for rightness and the

larger life that pulses in the author's words until he cries, "I believe, help thou my unbelief."

*Thomas V. Crowell & Co., New York. Price 75 cents.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

Chicago, Ill.,—The Associate Alliance will meet with the Third Church, Monroe street, near Kedzie avenue, Thursday, Dec. 6. The paper "Marcus Aurelius," will be given by Judge W. D. Harriman, of Ann Arbor. Luncheon at one o'clock.

On the thirtieth of October, the Michigan associate Alliance, in connection with the Michigan Conference, held its semi-annual meeting at Toledo, in the Church of Our Father.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Marks, of Detroit. Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane of Kalamazoo, made the opening prayer. Miss Dority, president of the Toledo Branch, welcomed the members and friends most cordially. Mrs. Fuller, of Jackson, responding.

Mrs. Delano, of Chicago, Vice-President of the Western States section, gave the address of the afternoon, entitled "Alliance Togetherness." Miss Fanny Field, of Cincinnati, emphasized the thought expressed in the paper by a few very appropriate remarks. She also spoke of the study leaflet on "The Liberal Religious Movement" issued by the Study Class Committee of the National Alliance, of which she is the chairman. This leaflet is intended as a preparation for the International Council of Unitarian and other Liberal Thinkers to be held in Boston some time in September, 1907.

The report of the secretary was read and approved

Reports from the individual branches formed a pleasing picture of the work being done by them. These reports were in every way encouraging, not altogether because of successes reported, but in the spirit and enthusiasm with which the problems were being met and solved.

Mrs. Delano made an appeal for a new branch formed in the Swedish Church of Chicago, where many of the women do not speak English.

The method of opening the meeting was then discussed. Miss Field suggested the reading of a hymn written by some one of our Unitarian hymn writers. This would serve two purposes—that of a suitable opening service, and acquainting members with the origin of our denominational hymns. The leaflet on "Hymns and Hymn Writers" would give many suggestions for this purpose.

After a very cordial invitation from the branch of Detroit, presented by Mrs. Marks, to hold the next meeting with them, the meeting closed by singing the Alliance Hymn.

KATE R. GEDDES, Secretary.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6th, the two Alton Alliance branches entertained at luncheon the St. Louis branches, the Eliot branch of the Church of the Messiah and the Unity Church branch. This is now the fifth year that hospitalities have been exchanged among the three churches, each church entertaining once a year. With every year the interest in the joint meetings has increased and the attendance has grown. The meeting of Nov. 6th of this year was voted the most delightful of all by many of the guests. There were between twenty-five and thirty who came from St. Louis, among them Dr. Thomas Eliot of Portland, Oregon, and Rev. Mr. Day. The Alton ladies turned out in full force, and luncheon was served to seventy in all. Dr. Eliot asked God's blessing upon this social occasion. After luncheon Mrs. Bowman, the president of the Ladies' Aid Society, called the meeting to order in the auditorium of the church building. She made an address of welcome in her own graceful enthusiastic manner and introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Gebauer, who delivered a lecture upon "Christian Science." Many outsiders had been attracted by the subject, and the church was filled to its capacity by the best people of all denominations in Alton. After the lecture, when the outsiders had left, Mrs. Bowman called for reports from the different branches which were answered by Mrs. Day, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. M. Mersereau and Mrs. Gebauer. Mr. Day being asked to speak, made some favorable comments upon the lecture just delivered.

Alton, Ill. MRS. G. R. GEBAUER.

The Missouri Valley Conference has just closed an interesting session. At the Alliance meeting 31 members were present. All branches in the Conference being represented except Ord, Omaha and Wichita. Mrs. Marsh of Lincoln spoke of the encouraging outlook in Nebraska, and the two new branches, Broken Bow and Hastings. Mrs. Learnard reported for Kansas and Mrs. Stevens for Missouri, Mrs. Mersereau being prevented from attendance at the last moment by illness. Mrs. Delano gave an interesting and helpful paper on "Alliance Togetherness," after which Post Office Mission work was discussed by Mr. Bennett and others. Miss Brown, of Lawrence, at request, told how this work started with her father, and not in the East, as has been quite generally supposed. Discussion on various topics followed, mainly on the means of raising money—the ever debatable question—the Kansas City branch expressing the feeling that sewing rags for rugs and making aprons was not necessarily incompatible with either spiritual or intellectual life. "Still sewing rugs," one member said had been answered by "Yes, sewing rugs, but still."

Kansas City, Mo. ELLA C. STEVENS.

DIRECTORY.

A Directory of the Independent chuches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of Service 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebauer, Third & Alby Sts.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Broken Bow, Neb.—The People's Liberal Christian Society. Hour of service, 7:45 P. M. Rev. L. F. Harman.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Hedley Hall, Moline, Ill.

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Fred Alban Weil, 1535 Adams St.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 1285 N. Halsted St.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 755 Genesee Ave

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev. Franklin Baker.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur M. Judy, 1708 Perry St.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford and Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Kerby S. Miller.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Ernest C. Smith.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Ia.—All Souls Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 3519 Flora Avenue.

Kenosha, Wis.—First Unitarian Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1140 Ohio St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, 1210 D. St.

Louisville, Ky.—Church of the Messiah, Fourth Ave. and York St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. William H. Ramsay, Alta Ave.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. C. Hodgins, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Hedley Hall.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann. P. O. Box 63.

Ord, Neb.—*People's* Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. E. S. Treworgy.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Unity Church, Ninth St., between Edmond and Felix Sts. Hour service, 8 P. M. Rev. J. H Jones.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Garrison Ave. and Locust St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. Richard W. Boynton, 414 Ashland Ave.

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